

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above amendment is intended to place this case in condition for allowance in view of the telephone conference with Examiner Sugent and Applicants' undersigned attorney on Friday November 17, 2006. Applicants' wish to thank the Examiner for his courtesy in conducting the telephone interview.

During the interview, the Examiner indicated that independent claims 1, 9, and 15 would be allowable if applicant added the respective limitations of claims 2, 10 and 16 and provided a more complete definition of BIOS along the lines of specification par. [0002].

Claims 1, 9 and 15 have been amended in this manner, the more complete description of the BIOS is taken from lines 5-7 of specification par. [0002]. Claims 2, 10 and 16 have been cancelled. New claims 21-23 have been added. The new claims are product claims which parallel the respective amended method claims 1, 9 and 16. It is respectfully submitted that the new product claims are allowable in view of the allowability of amended method claims 1, 9 and 16.

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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